

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1449
By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Tre Hargett on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Tre Hargett is one such distinguished public servant whose illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 104th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hargett has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 97th House District and all of Shelby County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the 97th House District evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Tre Hargett in 1996, by electing him as their representative to the Tennessee House of Representatives, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his five terms in the House of Representatives, he has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction as Republican Leader from 2002-2005, Representative Tre Hargett is a dynamic and active participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and service during the 100th – 104th General Assemblies; he has astutely served as Treasurer of

the House Republican Caucus, Vice-Chair of the House Ethics Committee and as a member of the Calendar and Rules Committee, the Government Operations Committee, the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, the Health and Human Resources Committee, the House Rules Committee, the Professional Occupations Subcommittee, the Public Health and Family Assistance Subcommittee, the Joint TennCare Oversight Committee, the Joint Business Tax Committee, and the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR); and

WHEREAS, a strong voice for issues in which he believes, Rep. Hargett has sponsored and supported legislation to enact tax relief for the elderly, protect our children through enforcement of day care rules and regulations, provide quality education, and aid small business; and

WHEREAS, born on February 7, 1969, Tre Hargett is the son of Adjutant General Gus Hargett, Jr. and spouse Shirley, and Patricia Vaughan and spouse Danny, and he has two brothers, Shea and John, and one sister, Karen Baker; Mr. Hargett graduated from Memphis State University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, and in 1992, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Memphis State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Tre Hargett takes great pride in having had the opportunity to work with some of Tennessee's best and brightest university students as they performed internships with the General Assembly in his office. These outstanding interns were: Jason Tigert, Steven Clements, Steven King, Michael Osburn, Darci Richcreek, Greg Ceasar, Sharon Fortner, Amber Jackson, Tabatha Blackwell, Kim MacNeil, Christina Haines, Samantha Birdsong, and Racheal Little; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Tre Hargett has given his time and energies to many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including the Bartlett Northeast Shelby Republican Club, the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (Delegate), Outstanding Young Men of America, the University of Tennessee at Memphis Chancellor's Roundtable, the American Legislative Exchange Council, the Shelby County Young Republicans (former Chairman), the Shelby County Republican Party Steering

Committee (former member), the Mid-South Worker's Compensation Association (former member), and the Alpha Tau Omega Housing Corporation (former member); and

WHEREAS, for his unparalleled devotion to public service and his constituents, Representative Hargett has received numerous awards and honors, including the Bob James Outstanding Public Service Award and the 1999 Tennessee PTA Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award, a testament to the honesty, integrity, and overall exemplary character and devotion with which he has performed his duties as a servant of the people; and

WHEREAS, a former Chair of the Shelby County Young Republicans, Tre Hargett has been named to the Top 40 under 40 by *BusinessTN* magazine and the *Memphis Business Journal*. He has also served as a delegate for the American Council of Young Political Leaders exchange with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Tre Hargett tirelessly and effectively serves as the Vice President for Tennessee Operations for Rural Metro Ambulance Corporation, in which position he has earned the respect of his colleagues and the members of his community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Representative Tre Hargett is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Dawn Simbeck Hargett, and their marriage has been blessed with one child, Cole Morgan Hargett; Cole will be very happy to have his father at home, as he will no longer have to walk down the driveway saying, "go to Nashville to see my Daddy"; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Tre Hargett is an active member of Faith Baptist Church, which he has faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Tre Hargett feels that his biggest accomplishment after serving ten years in the General Assembly is that his faith in his Savior and his family are stronger now than they were when he began the journey; and

WHEREAS, Tre Hargett's retirement from the General Assembly will leave a void that will not easily be filled, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of 97th House District; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our respected friend and colleague, Representative Tre Hargett; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Tre Hargett on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 97th House District and Shelby County, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.